

## Titles of Senior Research Papers

Philosophy 497 (Senior Research Seminar) is a course in which graduating philosophy majors work on extended research projects on topics of their choice. Collaborative learning is required and team projects are encouraged. Class meetings focus on research methodologies and on students discussion of their projects. The following are the titles of the research papers written by our majors in the recent past:

- Spring 2008
- Are Faith and Reason Compatible?
  - The Problem of Evil and Subjectivity
  - Just Punishment
  - Curious Doubts: Some Thoughts on Skepticism and Metaphor
  - Being and Racelessness: Examination of Racial Identity and Jean-Paul Sartre
  - Is Regret Rational or is Regret Irrational?
  - Neural Nets and Intentionality
  - Wolf and Moral Luck
  - The Philosophy of Graffiti
  - Difference Between the Mind and the Brain ... or Not
  - The Chicken and the Limit: Using Mathematics to Solve Philosophy's Paradoxes
  - Humanism: An Exercise in Feminist Metaphysics
  - Jean-Paul Sartre and Freedom
  - For Epistemic Fortitude: A Defense of Constructive Empiricism
  - Border Morality
  - Existential Quantification and Contextual Underspecification
- Fall 2007
- Ethical Sex
  - Desert and Distributive Justice in Rawls
  - The Dualism of States in Warfare: Just War Theory and Realism
  - Physician Assisted Active Euthanasia
  - Animal Ethics: An Overview of Singer, Regan, and Rollin
  - A Defense of Nozick's Just State Theory
  - Superheroes
  - Consciousness
- Others
- Happy Housewives and Oppressive Socialization: Assessing Standards for Autonomy
  - Why is There Something Rather than Nothing?
  - What is Wrong with Pornography?
  - Physician-Assisted Suicide
  - Terrorism